

Michigan chose to have No-Fault auto insurance 3 times, now a very flawed "choice proposition" may force us to live without it. Please do not remove the stability of all Michigan motorists based on the supposed "choice". Michigan has chosen to have the insurance for all automotive related health issues. I was a pedestrian I was knocked comatose for two full months. The reduction of insurance cost that may initially happen is no replacement for the care that is currently available. The PIP coverage that is offered would have been gone before I awoke from my 2 month coma. Because America is in a financial crisis is no reason to undo all of the excellent medical systems that exist in Michigan . I wasn't even driving my car at the time of my accident. As a pedestrian. I was hit by a full size S.U.V. while walking to a mailbox which unbeknownst to me had been removed two weeks earlier. I suffered a brain injury at the time of my accident . Because of the no-fault automotive insurance in Michigan nobody needed be named guilty of the accident for me to be awarded medical benefits because of the accident. I am still collecting medical benefits from my injury. Though one half of my body does not function properly, and anger control does not exist for me, I am able to live and work with a little medication. I will reenter the work force because I refuse to be limited. Unfortunately I will require medication every day and checks by a psychologist until it is decided that I operate properly enough without the medication. Because the doctor bills were so large neither I nor my parents could have afforded them. The limits suggested by the proposed law would place most of the burden back to the individual or publicly supported medical insurances. Please keep the unlimited Michigan No-Fault laws the way they are and do not pass this group of selected limitations. The "choice" should be to protect Michigan citizens from catastrophic costs of an accident, not protecting the profit margins of insurance companies.

Again I state that because of my brain injury I can't focus enough to state what I have written without something to read from however I can think well enough to write it. I typed this all myself with one hand because I deal with hemiparesis that affected the entire left side of my body. Thanks to the Michigan No-Fault law paying for the medical treatments required by my injury, next week I get to be one of the first five adults to use the new SEMG therapy at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio . Though it was developed for use in a pediatric setting they have decided to test the therapy on adults. I am excited to see if this therapy can help me regain functional use of my left arm (I used to be left handed). If I and the others do well with the therapy they may decide to invest in equipment for use with larger people (currently the largest walking harness they have only accommodates a person 4'6" tall maximum).

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